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EO. 11652: N/A TAGS: PINT, ELAB, IS SUBJECT:HISTADRUT ELECTIN ON JUNE 21

1. THE HISTADRUT ELECTION CAMPAIGN IS NOW MOVING INTO ITS FINAL PHASE. THE ALIGNMENT HELD A BIG RALLY IN TEL AVIV ON JUNE 15, ATTENDED BY SOME 30,000 MEMBERS; CROWDS CHEERED GOLDA MEIR, BUT SEEMED LESS IMPRESSED BY SECRETARY GENERAL MESHEL'S ADDRESS. LIKUD IS PLANNING A BIG RALLY ON SATURDAY, JUNE 18, IN FRONT OF TEL AVIV CITY HALL, TO BE FOLLOWED BY DEMONSTRATIONS OF HERUT AFFILIATED YOUTH AND STUDENT GROUPTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. CURRENT ESTIMATES REMAIN THAT THE ALIGNMENT WILL OUTVOTE LIKUD AND RETAIN ESSENTIAL CONTROL. HOWEVER, THE IMPACT OF STEPPED UP LIKUD CAMPAIGN EFFORTS AND BEGIN'S PRESENTATION OF HIS NEW GOVERNMENT TO THE KNESSET ON MONDAY, COMBINED WITH HIS EXPECTED APPEAL THERE FOR NATIONAL UNITY, IS AS YET DIFFICULT TO ASSESS. THE LATEST POLL RESULT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY ON JUNE 19.

2. HISTADRUT POLLS WILL OPEN ON JUNE 21 AT 0700 AND CLOSE AT 2300. PRELIMINARY RESULTS, BASED ON DUPLICATE BALLOT BOXES PLACED BY RADIO-TV IN POLLING UNCLASSIFIED

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PLACES, WILL BE ANNOUNCED BEGINNING 2200. THE OFFICIAL RESULTS ARE TO BE ANNOUNCED BY NOON JUNE 23. GOVERNMENT AND HISTADRUT ENTERPRISES WILL BE OPEN ONLY HALF DAY TO PERMIT EMPLOYEES TO VOTE. THE EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION HAS REFUSED TO AUTHORIZE TIME OFF FOR VOTING, BUT MOST ENTERPRISES ARE EXPECTED UNOFFICIALLY TO FOLLOW PRACTICES OF GOVERNMENT AND HISTADRUT.

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